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Thanks

- .. To Trevor Currin for helping us to move a mountain of post peelings over the school holidays. This was much appreciated Trevor.
- .. To Don Cates for making his track car available for viewing this week ... and to all of those supporting this fund raising initiative.
- .. To those parents who have again juggled their commitments to help out at school this term.

People of the Week

- .. Kate and Belinda who showed great compassion and common sense in dealing with a younger student in need this week.
- .. Caitlyn for doing heaps of extra maths homework over the school holidays.
- .. Jacob for being so honest when he found money in the playground.
- .. Those students (and staff / parents) who represented our school at recent ANZAC commemorations.

Term Calendar

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| 13 May | Bible in Schools Programme starts |
| 16 May | School attends K.H.S. production "Cinderella" |
| 21 May | Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament |
| 23 May | Year 7 and 8 vaccinations |
| 29 May | Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament |
| 3 June | Queen's Birthday |
| 4 June | School Cross Country (tentative date) |
| 13 June | Zone Cross Country at Te Horo School |
| 21 June | Interschool Cross Country (Barge Park) |
| 28 June | Learner Portfolios sent home |
| 8 July | School Science Fair (Prize Giving 6:30 PM 9.7) |
| 8 / 9 July | Parent / teacher interviews |
| 12 July | Final day of term 2 |

We will advise other dates as these come to hand.

Board Election Timeline

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| 16 May | Mid-day ... final day for receipt of nominations |
| 21 May | Issue of Voting papers |
| 30 May | Final day for receipt of voting papers (received by 5pm) |
| 5 June | Results advised to parents |
| 6 June | New board takes office |

Further information can be found at www.trustee-election.co.nz

The Mobile Ear Clinic

- .. will be stationed outside the Bush Road Medical Centre from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday 15 May. No appointments necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Cross Country Practices

Please note that children will have cross country practice runs on most days in the build up to our school event. Please ensure they bring a suitable change of clothes to school each day ... and especially footwear suitable for road running. Thank you.

Team Coaches and Managers (Netball and Hockey)

.. have generally reported on a high level of support from parents this year. Their role is a difficult one and the support and understanding of parents is crucial if the year is to be a successful one for your child. Please take any matters of concern **directly** to coaches and managers and understand that there are good reasons behind most decisions ... and that time and "the benefit of the doubt" sort most problems. Anyway ... the efforts of the parent support team to date have been appreciated!

Choir

Consents for participation in our 2013 choir will be sent home on Monday for return by the end of that week. If your child has a bent towards singing please encourage them to get involved. Mr Schuster is happy to answer any questions.



Cinderella

On Thursday 16 May children will attend the Kamo High School Dramatic presentation Cinderella. The whole school will be attending this event - leaving school by bus at around 10:15 AM and returning shortly after 1:00 PM. While the cost of travel (\$6-00) will be met from activity fees, paid earlier in the year, children are asked to bring along a gold coin donation to the K.H.S. drama department. Please ensure that outstanding consents are returned on Monday.

Learning Support Programmes - Mrs Comrie

Children currently in Mrs Comrie's Learning support Programmes have been placed for an additional period of only 4 or 5 weeks. We want maximum gain from this relatively short placement and so please show an interest in what your child is doing and ensure that homework tasks are completed. Mrs Comrie is more than happy to discuss your child's progress with you.

Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament

Please return consents for this event as soon as possible. Mr Delemare would love to have further offers of parent support .. even if for just a part of the day.

Bible in Schools

As advised the Bible in Schools Programme starts this coming Monday ... 9:05 to 9:30 ... and thereafter until year's end. Thank you to those parents who have advised of their preference for attendance or non-attendance for their child(ren). We have done our best to ensure that our lists are correct but please be patient with us if we have got things wrong. As advised earlier we are happy for students to opt either in or out based on their experiences in the first couple of weeks. Teachers are currently planning to ensure that non-attending students have meaningful (and monitored) work to do during this time.

After School Labs

.. start next week as follows (all start at 3:30 and finish at 4:30) ..

Monday	ICAS English Labs	(Mr Schuster)
Wednesday	Science Labs	(Mrs Donaldson)
Thursday	ICAS Mathematics Labs	(Mr Schuster)

.. parents are asked to ensure that children bring afternoon tea please and that they are picked up by 4:30.

Science Labs

These will be held in room 11. Children are asked to bring suitable footwear and a lab shirt please.



ICAS Labs

Parents of children in the English and Maths labs are advised that labs will aim principally to have students prepared for their final exam early next term. On their first session they will sit one of the test papers to diagnose their specific needs (**please expect these labs may run up to 15 minutes late next week only**).

On the basis of this performance they will be allocated tasks in the weeks that follow which are **specific to their actual needs**. They will also learn and practice elements of test technique over this time. Please note that they will not be sitting full exams until into the second half of the year. It will be possible for Mr Schuster to comment on your child's progress by mid term.

Scholastic Books Issue 3

All orders and payments to the office by 25th May please.

Library Books

If you received a letter advising of overdue library books last term, and have not yet returned these books, please get them along to school on Monday. Please contact Donna with any questions.

Public Health Nurses

... Becky Butel and Joolz Dones are available to assist parents with any health matters. They can be contacted on 021 272 2991 or at rebecca.butel@northlanddhb.org.nz or Julie.dones@northlanddhb.org.nz

Final Word

Next week's board meeting (off site) will be the final meeting for outgoing Board members. I would like to take this final opportunity on behalf of staff, parents and children to thank them for their diligent efforts over the past 3 years. Much has been achieved by this board and staff have, at all times, felt appreciated and supported. It is our hope that departing board members leave knowing they have made a positive difference.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

For Sale - Lab puppies, 7 weeks old, ready now. All worming up to date. \$250 ono with shots done. Phone 4335569 or 0272232069.

Parenting Teenagers - is certainly not easy !!!! For some great practical help why not attend a Toolbox Tweens and Teens course? Atmosphere, Boundaries, Communication, Discipline, Self Esteem and Future focus are the session topics. Course runs for 6 Tuesday nights in a row and begins 21st May 7.30-9.30pm. Cost is \$67.50 single, \$90 couple (please don't let cost be an issue- subsidies available). To reserve a spot on this great course or for details of venue etc please contact Jennie Clarke 4353890, 0274759823 or email on jenclarke73@gmail.com

Help your Child to Learn - A course for parents, Tuesdays 21 and 28 May, 7 - 9pm. FREE. Hosted by SLD Whangarei and Community Education Whangarei (CEW). Held at Kamo High School. The course will look at some of the reasons why children have difficulties with their schoolwork, and consider practical ways parents can offer home support. Bring your friends. Any questions please contact the SLD Whangarei office on 430 0693 or email the office at sldwhang@extra.co.nz

School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. See order form attached to this week's newsletter if you want to bulk order for term 2.



FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCHES

HAVE A DAY OFF MAKING LUNCHES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!

- ☺ Below is an order form for **Friday** lunches.
- ☺ These can be ordered for the term in advance, or weekly if desired.
- ☺ Please have weekly orders placed at the school office by the Wednesday to receive an order the following Friday.
- ☺ Please make cheques payable to Matarau School.

Thanks for supporting our fundraiser.

WEEKLY ORDER FORM – Term 2 2013

Child _____

___ Sausage Roll/Muesli Bar/Drink \$4.00
___ Big Daddy Sausage Roll/Drink \$4.00
___ Milk Drink - extra 50c

Room _____

___ Mince Pie or Mince N Cheese/Drink \$4.00
___ Mince N Cheese or Butter Chicken Wrap/Drink \$4.00

Child _____

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TERM ORDER - Total Amount Owing For Term 2 - 9 Wks Maximum Available

Items @ \$4.00 x _____ weeks =

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In the case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.